

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities began hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the recapitalization and modernization of facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Frank Miller, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installation Management, Department of the Army; RAdm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Director, Shore Activities Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Braaten, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps; and Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1823, amended, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985; H.R. 2824, Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995; H.R. 1965, amended, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972; H.R. 2160, amended, to authorize appropriations to carry out the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1966 and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act; and H.R. 1527, amended, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 2107, Visitor Services Improvement and Outdoor Legacy Act of 1995.

Will continue March 28.

The Committee also approved a motion to go to conference for all bills previously reported.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on Airport Needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

URUGUAY ROUND AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTATION AND WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on implementation of Uruguay Round Agreements and World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; JayEtta Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO; Clayton K. Yeutter, former U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D167)

H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba. Signed March 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-114)

H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States. Signed March 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-115)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on current and future military readiness as the armed forces prepare for the 21st century, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the budgetary and economic implications of alternative spectrum use policies, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on international aviation relations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1425, to recognize the validity of rights-of-way granted under section 2477 of the Revised Statutes, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold oversight hearings on wetland mitigation banking under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to United States Postal Service customers, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to continue markup of S. 269 and S. 1394, bills to reform the United States immigration system, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Retired Officers Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the Blinded Veterans Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E350-51 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, on Farm Credit Administration, 10 a.m., and on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, public witnesses on Natural Resources, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the U.S. Institute of Peace, 10 a.m., and the National Education Goals Panel and the NLRB, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Commander in Chief, Special Operations Command, 10 a.m. and, executive, on Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Office of the Secretary, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on tax systems modernization, 10 a.m. and on IRS operations, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 3070, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to mark up the following: H.R. 2570, Older Americans Amendments of 1995; a measure amending section 326 of title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965; a measure amending section 1505 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986; and a measure to authorize the Native Americans Program Act of 1974, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, to mark up H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following resolutions: H. Res. 345, expressing concern about the deterioration of human rights in Cambodia; H. Res. 379, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the eighth anniversary of the massacre of over 5,000 Kurds as a result of a gas bomb attack by the Iraqi Government; H. Con. Res. 102, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; H.J. Res. 158, to recognize the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and the Americans who have served as Peace Corps volunteers; and H. Con. Res. 148, expressing the

sense of the Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Straits and United States military forces should defend Taiwan in the event of invasion, missile attack or blockade by the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Crisis in the Taiwan Strait: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1989, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1995, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1772, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex; H.R. 1836, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995, 10:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on U.S. Energy Outlook and Implications for Energy R&D, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to consider Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 3 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 3074, to amend the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 to provide the President with additional proclamation authority with respect to articles of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone; and to consider Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Retired Officers Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the Blinded Veterans Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold hearings to examine the challenges to democracy in Albania, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.